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Sunbeam Family Services Chosen as Finalist for the 12th Annual Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence (ONE) Awards

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Sunbeam Family Services is a finalist for a \$10,000 award and the title of Oklahoma’s top nonprofit, thanks to the prestigious Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence (ONE) Awards. Sunbeam was selected as one of the top organizations in the state of Oklahoma in the Seniors category for their work and dedication to senior citizens.

“This nomination is such a positive reflection on Sunbeam’s impact in the community, especially for Oklahoma’s seniors,” said Jim Priest, Sunbeam’s chief executive officer. “Our Senior Services program encourage independence by helping seniors stay active in their lives, connected to their communities, and living in their own homes for as long as possible. This crucial program provides help, hope, and opportunity to over 4,500 senior adults each year.”

On April 27, 2019, the 24 finalists will join supporters at Tulsa’s Southern Hills Country Club to celebrate and hear the announcement of winners at the 12th Annual ONE Awards, presented by the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits. Finalists are divided into eight mission categories and receive \$5,000, with category winners receiving \$7,500. At the end of the evening, an overall winner receives \$10,000 and the title of the top nonprofit in the state. In total, organizations receive \$150,000 to recognize the impact of their charitable work throughout the state. Since 2008, the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits has given \$1.65 million dollars to more than 150 Oklahoma nonprofits thanks to the ONE Awards.

Out of almost 19,000 nonprofits statewide, only 24 were named finalists. Awards are presented in the following eight categories:

- Arts and Humanities
- Community
- Education
- Health Services
- Self-Sufficiency
- Seniors
- Youth Development
- Open

The ONE Awards Selection Commission, a group of prestigious community leaders from across Oklahoma, determine the finalists. The Commission, chaired by David Hogan, includes, Kathie Coyle, J. Jerry Dickman, Lisa Greenlee, Kim Henry, Phil Lakin, Jr., Will Merrick, Sarah Roberts, Meg Salyer, Wendi Schuur and Mary Kate Wilson.

“The finalists are recognized, not merely for their efforts to better their community, but for their quality of process toward that effort,” said David Hogan, chairman of the ONE Awards Selection Commission. “From top

level management to part time staff, these are committed individuals working together for the greater good of all Oklahomans.”

Through March 31, Sunbeam is asking the community to join them in “giving hope and restoring dignity” for Oklahoma’s homeless seniors through raising \$65,000 to fund Sunbeam’s Emergency Senior Shelter, the only homeless shelter for seniors in the state. Each year between 90–110 homeless seniors aged 60 and older seek safety in the Emergency Senior Shelter, many of whom are without a family support system and have a limited monthly income. For more information, visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org/dignity or call 405-609-8994.

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About The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits

The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits is a nonprofit organization equipping and strengthening the Oklahoma nonprofit sector through training, consulting, advocacy, membership, networking and awards. Our mission is “building better communities through effective nonprofits.”

About Sunbeam Family Services

Sunbeam helps children, families and seniors learn, grow, heal and thrive. Founded in 1907, Sunbeam Family Services is one of Oklahoma’s longest serving nonprofits, providing help, hope and the opportunity to succeed to people of all ages and all stages of life in central Oklahoma through Early Childhood, Counseling, Foster Care and Senior Services. To learn more, call 405-528-7721, visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org, or follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

To purchase tickets or for sponsorship information for the 2019 ONE Awards, please contact Mandy Fair at 918-392-7984, ext. 302 or email at mfair@okcnp.org.